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Calendar

Steinfath reunion

The Steinfath Reunion will be held Aug. 31, at the Sons of Hermann Lodge No. 241 at Irby. Bring a \$5 gift for Chinese Christmas if you want to participate. Pot luck supper. Relatives and friends are invited.

Child support applications

Applications from the Attorney General's office for Child Enforcement Services (child support) are available at the District Clerk's office in the Haskell Co. Courthouse.

PAL's board meeting

PAL's youth association will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall.

Rule Jubilee

The Rule Jubilee will be held Saturday, Sept. 28. All businesses and interested individuals are asked to be planning an entry for the parade for this year's Jubilee. For further information, contact John Pike at 997-2197 (parade/floats), John Greeson at 997-2141 (entertainment), and Joyce Hester at 997-2756 (booths).

OG gospel musical

An All Gospel Musical will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Old Glory Community Center. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. and the music will begin at 6 p.m. No admission but donations are appreciated.

Lodge meeting rescheduled

Due to the Labor Day weekend, the Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting at Irby has been rescheduled for Sunday, Sept. 15. The lodge needs as many members present as possible to help make decisions on 1997 installation of officers. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. The hall opens at 2 p.m. and the meal will be pot luck.

Youth cheerleaders bake sale

The Haskell Co. Oiler cheerleaders will hold a bake sale in front of Modern Way, MSystem and The Drug Store on Saturday, Aug. 31, beginning at 9 a.m. The money raised will help purchase paint and supplies, pom poms and other supplies that the cheerleaders will use during the season. The cheerleaders thank everyone for their support.

Reserved seat football tickets on sale

Reserved seat football season tickets will be on sale Tues., Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 9, for persons holding tickets from last year. Reserved seat tickets will go on sale to the public Tuesday, Sept. 10. Tickets may be purchased in the High School office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Haskell Free Press holiday deadlines

The Haskell Free Press will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday. Early deadlines for the Sept. 5 edition of the paper will be: News articles and display ads-Friday, Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. Classified ad deadlines will remain the same-noon, Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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"Fashion center" of west Texas reopens

Lane-Felker, "the fashion center of west Texas," will reopen at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 31, under the new ownership of Ronald and Joyce Howard with the assistance of their daughter, Linda Stavely.

Opening day will feature a trunk show, with a UMI representative presenting their entire fall collection of dresses.

Door prizes will be given away on opening day as well as throughout the month of September. Customers will be able to register for the door prizes each time they visit Lane-Felker, with no purchase necessary and they do not need to be present to win.

The door prizes include: Berek sweaters; Pendleton coordinates; Debra deRoo sports coordinates and scarves; Double D Ranch fashions; Hairston Roberson fashions; Aromatique bath and body toiletries; Bushwacker sportswear; fashions by Lilli Ann; Sterling silver jewelry-sterling earrings and neck pieces; and many more.

The new owners will continue the proud tradition of providing fine ladies clothing, with alterations available and a complete bridal department. Lane-Felker customers will find the same lines of fashions as they have in the past, along with several new lines of wearing apparel including southwestern designs.

The store will also offer several new gift lines, Aromatique bath and body toiletries and a complete line of Merle Norman cosmetics.

Former owners, Frances Lane and Mattie Muriel English will be at the store on opening day to greet old friends and customers and to assist in the transition.

Former sales people, along with some new personnel, will continue the dedication of honesty, fairness and personal attention to Lane-Felker customers.

Old and new customers are invited to drop by on opening day to meet the new owners. Refreshments will be served all day.



JOYCE HOWARD and LINDA STAVELY extend a welcome to old and new customers to drop by and shop or just to say hello.

Ron and Joyce Howard are back "home"

Joyce and Ronald Howard, both native west Texans, have moved back "home" from Arapahoe, Colo. They are the new owners of Lane-Felker ladies apparel and accessories store in Haskell.

Joyce was born at Stamford and started school at Tuxedo. She attended school in Hamlin through her freshman year in high school, when her family moved to Petersburg. It was at Petersburg that she met her husband, Ronald, and they later married.

Joyce and Ronald have lived in Arapahoe for the past 20 years,

where they owned and operated Cheyenne Fertilizer Co.

Joyce said that she and her husband had been looking for two or three years to get into another line of business, and it was through her visits to see her parents in Stamford that she found Lane-Felker. "I would come down to visit my parents in Stamford and would shop at Lane-Felker. Then last summer, my mother called and told me that the store was for sale and we decided that we would like to buy it.

"We love living in a rural

community. We like to live where we have roots and where we can be involved in the community and our church.

"We will continue to provide the same personal service that Lane-Felker customers are accustomed to receiving; and we will continue to offer a variety of fashions along with a complete bridal and alterations service."

The couple's daughter, Linda Stavely will be assisting her parents with the day-to-day operation of the store. Linda has two sons, R.J. and Tyler, who will

be attending Abilene Christian University in Abilene in the fall.

Joyce and Ronald have three other children, Rhonda Brown, Ronald Chris Howard and Brad Howard, all of Arapahoe.

They also have nine grandchildren, R.J. Stavely, Tyler Stavely, Chad Brown, Tyson Brown, Christopher Howard, Nicholas Howard, Jonathan Howard, Ashlyn Howard and Morgan Howard.

Joyce's parents, Delma and Clifford Buntin are residents of Stamford.

David Davis to take over as County Judge, Sept. 1

The County Commissioners met Wednesday, Aug. 21, in place of their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

A motion was approved for the appointment of David Davis, effective Sept. 1, as Haskell County Judge, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge B.O. Roberson, who had tendered his registration at the end of 1995. Davis will be sworn into office on

Tuesday, Sept. 3.

At an earlier meeting, a motion was approved for the County Attorney to move his office from the second floor to the third floor in two of the four rooms previously occupied by the Texas Dept. of Health. The Health Dept. will be vacating the offices on Aug. 31.

At Wednesday's meeting, the Commissioners approved a request from the Noah Project services to

move into the other two rooms occupied by the Health Dept.; and approved a request from Scott Williamson, Brand Inspector for Texas and Southwest Cattlemen Association, to move into the office that Noah Project is in now.

Sheriff Johnny Mills approached the Court and requested that the furniture out of the women's lounge in the courthouse be moved to the waiting area at the Haskell

Co. Sheriff's Department. The sheriff was given the okay to move the furniture. Mills also reported on the refinishing of several pieces of wooden furniture at the jail, including two desks and some chairs, with the refinishing work being done by prisoners at the jail.

Judge Roberson addressed the Court and said, "These have been real good and rewarding years for me as County Judge. I want to say thank you all for your help and support over the years."

The next regular meeting will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10. A budget hearing, open to the public, will be held at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon.

Emergency farm loans available

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by extreme fire hazards, which occurred Feb. 23, 1996 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, Ag Credit Manager Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell Co. is one of 28 contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the extreme fire hazard.

McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to

figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Feb. 14, 1997, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Property tax hearings

Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief hearings will be conducted Thursday, Aug. 29 at 9:30 a.m. in Lubbock at the Methodist Hospital in Knipping Center, 3615 19th St. and on Friday, Sept. 6, at 9:30 a.m. at Wichita Falls at the Midwestern Fain Fine Arts Theater on Nocona Trail and West Campus Drive.

If you are concerned about the steady increase of property taxes, and what measures are being taken by the Governor's office to alleviate them, this is your opportunity to voice your opinion at one of these meetings.

Rule City Council meets

The Rule City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Aug. 6 with Mayor Malcolm Hertenberger and council members, Tammy Sorrells, James Marquis, Sydney Hester, Bobby Robinson and Ernest Carreon.

Bids on replacing the roof of the city shop were reviewed and a bid proposal for the work was accepted from A-1 Roofing in Haskell.

A motion to purchase a new riding lawnmower for the Rule Cemetery was approved with the stipulation that the current cemetery board must be in agreement.

Departmental reports were given with Water Superintendent, Robert

Serrato discussing problems with the backhoe and probable repair costs. A motion was approved for the repairs, not to exceed \$4,500, to be made. Chief of Police, Alan Beard, gave a monthly police department report.

A motion was approved to raise Jose Anchondo's salary to \$5.75 per hour; and a motion was approved to accept rerate of TML Employee Insurance.

Items on the agenda that were discussed but tabled until a later meeting were: the proposed 1997 Property Tax Rate; GTE Resolution; and a Door-to-Door Sales Ordinance.

DPS urges safety over Labor Day

With Labor Day coming on Monday, this allows most people to have a three day weekend. A lot of people will be trying to take advantage of this and get that last big weekend trip in before all of the warm weather leaves and fall and winter take over.

Most people will be taking trips to lakes, camp grounds, and other recreational areas. The drinking driver can be seen around these areas and the Dept. of Public Safety will be targeting these areas for enforcement action.

The Texas Dept. of Public Safety will have all available Troopers working around the clock to make this operation motorcade a safer time for all who will be using the highways. The Troopers will be especially on the lookout for the drinking driver, the speeding driver and the reckless driver, since these are the three main causes of fatal accidents.

As always, the Dept. of Public Safety wants to remind everyone to fasten your seat belts and to use those child restraints. Don't think that it can never happen to you because it can.

Remember to be that good defensive driver and help watch out for the other guy. The life you save may be your own.

Submitted by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety.

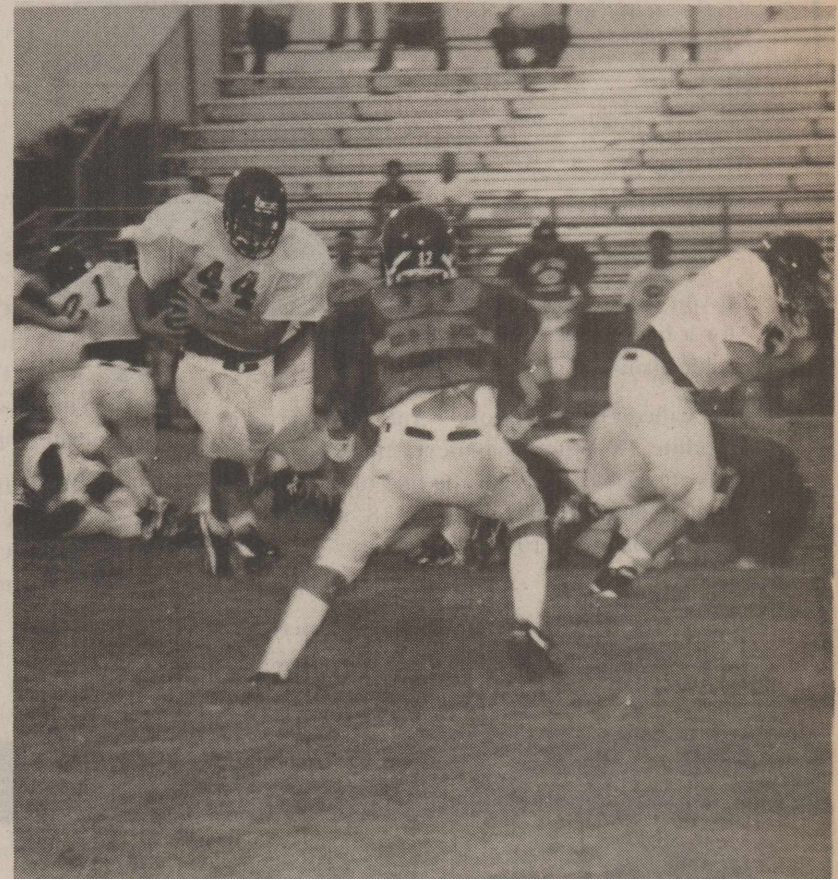
Decrease in PC tax rate

The Paint Creek Board of Trustees met in a called meeting Monday, Aug. 19. The purpose of the meeting was to set the tax rate for the 1996-97 school year and adopt the proposed budget.

The Board approved a new tax rate that was lower than the previous rate of \$1.35. This decrease in the tax rate was due to an increase in appraised mineral values and an increase in industrial properties in the district. The new tax rate was set at \$1.3441.

The Board adopted a 1996-97 operating budget of \$1,056,545.

Action taken in the regular monthly meeting on Aug. 12, included: joining the Big Country Co-op Benefit Plan; joining the West Texas Telecommunication Consortium; joining the Education Service Center Curriculum Cooperative; approval of plans for the senior trip in May; and approval of the '96-'97 student handbook.



HASKELL INDIAN VARSITY PLAYER NO. 44, Jason Hobgood starts the season scrimmage opener off with a drive up the field with the ball. The Indians will play Jim Ned in their second scrimmage game Friday night at 6 p.m. there.



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Hamburger supper

The Munday Purple Cloud Band will host a hamburger supper preceding the Haskell-Munday football game on Friday, Sept. 6, in the Munday High School cafeteria from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The meal includes mesquite-grilled hamburgers and all the trimmings, chips, drinks and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$4 each and are available from any band member or at the door. Takeouts are also available.

Munday Band Boosters invite all Haskell and/or Munday fans to come and enjoy a good meal before the game.

Back to school nights

Haskell Elementary will hold a "Back to School Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Tuesday, Sept. 10, for parents of students and the community. Teachers will explain what they expect from their students this school year and what parents can do at home to help students.

Parents will also be given the opportunity to ask questions. The faculty at Haskell Elementary feels that communication between teachers and parents will play a vital part in their student's education.

Tuesday, Sept. 3: 1st grade—5:30-6 p.m., homeroom; 2nd grade—6-6:30 p.m., cafeteria; 3rd grade—6:30-7 p.m., cafeteria.

Tuesday, Sept. 10: 4th grade—5:30-6 p.m., cafeteria; 5th grade—6-6:30 p.m., cafeteria; 6th grade—6:30-7 p.m., Mrs. Earles' room.

Obituaries

J.W. Howard

Services were held for life long Haskell Co. resident, J.W. Howard, 64, on Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Gary Bruns officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Howard died Thursday, Aug. 22, in a Beaumont hospital after a sudden illness. He was born on Sept. 22, 1931 in Haskell Co. He married Lois Ann Carlton on Aug. 26, 1956, at the St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Sagerton. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a life long member of the Sons of Hermann and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ella Zelisko Howard and one sister, Bonnie Jean Walder.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Ann Howard of

Haskell; his father, Hollis Howard of Kellyville, Okla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Hollis Wayne and Louisa Howard of Graham and Leonard Lewis and Michelle Howard of Haskell; one daughter and son-in-law, Gail Ann and Kevin Allmon of Hawley; one sister, Billie Lois (Mrs. James) Andress of Kellyville, Okla.; one brother, Kenneth Wayne Howard of Bon Weir; and five grandchildren, Christopher Howard, Holly Howard, Jennifer Allmon, Lorrin Brooke Howard and Clinton Lynn Raines Howard.

Pallbearers were Butch Hertel, Glenn Brzozowski, Ronnie Chapman, Robert Weaver, George McGee and Roger Dunivien.

The family requests memorials to the Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund, Rt. 1, Box 310, Haskell, TX 79521.

Helen Harbison Oates

Services were held for long time Haskell resident, Helen Harbison Oates, 96, on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Oates died Thursday, Aug. 22, at Rice Springs Care Home. She was born Feb. 12, 1900 in Fayetteville, Ark. She came to Haskell in 1921. She married Oscar Eugene Oates in August of 1930 in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death on July 6, 1976. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by six nieces, Betty O. Oman of Wichita Falls, Mary W. Leach of Houston, Judy H. McDonald of McComb, Ms., Anna Mae Stewart of Tulsa, Okla., Jessie Oates (Mrs. John Jr.) of Temple and Ann Harbison of Fayetteville, Ark.; and five nephews, James Gregg Harbison of McComb, Ms., James (Jimmy) George of Dallas, Dan M. Oates of Memphis, Tn., Robert M. Wilson of Dana Point, Calif. and Bill Harbison of Fayetteville, Ark.

Reatha Mullins

Services were held for long time Haskell resident, Reatha Mullins on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Graveside services were held at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mullins died Monday, Aug. 26, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She was born in Royce City. She was the widow of J.L. "Pete" Mullins. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and WMU's past director for many years. She was a member of Haskell Order of Eastern Star No. 892, where she had been a member for more than 50 years and was past worthy matron and past district deputy. She was a past member of Progressive Study Club and Josselet Extension Homemakers. She was Haskell Club Woman of the Year in 1990. She graduated from Royce City High School and attended Howard Payne College.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Lionel Cooksey of Abilene; one son and daughter-in-law, Maxey and Sharon Mullins of Midland; one brother, Rev. D.L. Payne and wife, Sue, of Houston; three grandsons, Vance Cooksey and wife Mary of Abilene, Jeff Mullins of Austin and Joel Mullins of San Marcos; and two great-grandchildren, Rex and Georgianna Cooksey of Abilene.

Pallbearers were Chester Abbott, Dudley Perrin, Frank Jircik, Vance Cooksey, Jeff Mullins and Joel Mullins. Honorary pallbearers were Mary Abbott, Oleta Cornelius, Lois Jones, Bonnie Jircik, Eloise Perrin and Margaret Jones.

The family requests memorials to Ben Richey Boys Ranch, Box 893, Abilene, TX 79604.

Fire Department recruiting firefighters

The Haskell Volunteer fire Dept. has openings for new members. The objective of this organization is for the preservation and protection of property and lives from and during such fires or emergencies as may occur within the corporate limits of the City of Haskell and the County.

This organization of very dedicated men and women meet on Monday nights for meetings and drills.

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Sandy Forehand

The duties of a volunteer fireman shall require time to respond upon any fire call, grass fire, wreck, or any other emergency.

See any member for an application and a copy of the by-laws, or contact Joe Cortez—Fire Chief or Danny Stocks—Secretary.

Students in the News

Mindy McGee of Haskell was among 243 graduating seniors who received degrees in commencement exercises at Angelo State University on Aug. 16. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Sociology.

She is the daughter of Ben and Sue McGee of Haskell.

Roger Lee Roewe of Haskell received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Kinesiology during summer commencement exercises at Angelo State University on Aug. 16.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Roewe of Haskell.



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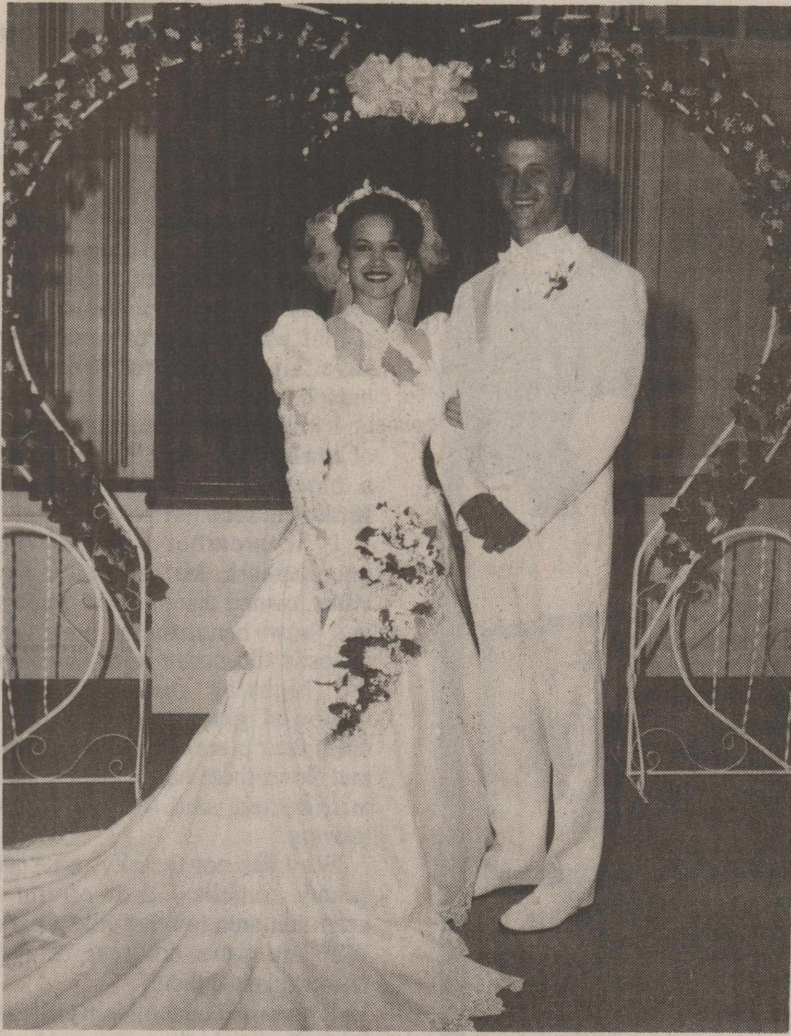
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Hobgood, Breckel wed in double-ring ceremony

Heather Brooke Hobgood and Corey Allen Breckel exchanged vows in a double-ring wedding ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Paul Irby, Youth Director of the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell officiated at the service.

The bride is the daughter of Bobby and Debbie Hobgood of Haskell.

The groom is the son of Kim Breckel of Haskell and Carl and Caron Breckel of Tyler.

The marriage took place before a white wrought iron heart-shaped arch that was decorated with garlands of tulle and white roses. Two heart-shaped votive candle-labras flanked each side of the arch holding white votive candles in fluted crystal vases.

Wendy Wright of Wolfforth and Heather Oglesby of El Paso, cousins of the bride, and Shane LeFevre of Rule sang wedding selections. The trio sang "Your Love Amazes Me," "If You Could See What I See," and "I Will Be Here."

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, wore a white satin gown by Bonny of New York. The jewel neckline had key-hole openings in the front and back of the dress and was adorned with schiffli lace and studded with oat pearls and sequins. Lace inserts extended from the shoulders to the top of the satin bodice. Long, tapered sleeves ended in a point at the wrists with pearl clusters and sequins on the illusion inserts. The bouffant skirt flowed from a fitted, Basque waistline with a large butterfly bow attached at the back. The hem was edged in schiffli lace

and flowed into a cathedral-length train.

In keeping with wedding tradition, Heather wore the groom's baby ring on her little finger as something old. Something new were her wedding accessories, something borrowed was the white Bible carried by the bride. The Bible was also carried in her parent's wedding and was a gift to Heather's mother from Heather's father when they were in the sixth grade. Something blue was a blue lace handkerchief that belonged to Heather's great-grandmother.

Holly Hobgood, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Starr Smith of Lubbock served as the bridesmaid. They wore royal purple floor-length dresses with a chiffon stole draped across the shoulders. They carried nosegays of summer flowers of red carnations, yellow petunias, purple daisies and white stefanotis.

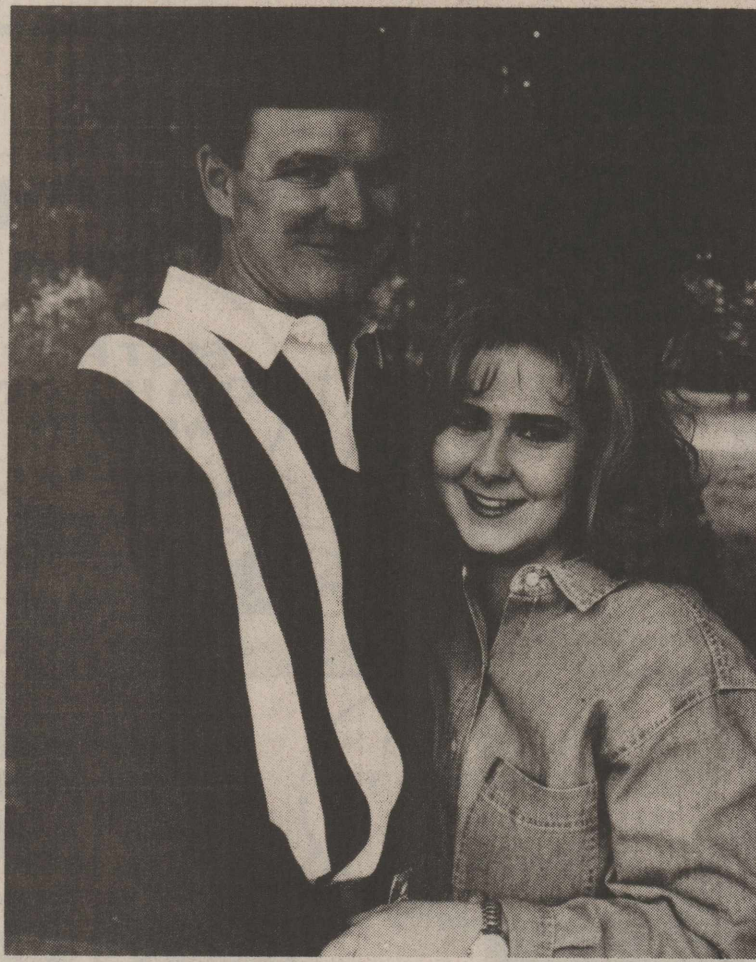
Kaki Brooke, cousin of the bride, of Amarillo was the flower girl. She wore a tea-length white satin dress with chiffon and lace overlay with a fitted white bow in the back.

Amanda Flewellen, cousin of the bride, from Lubbock registered the guests.

The groom was attired in a white padova tuxedo with long tails and a white wing-tip shirt with a white satin vest and tie.

Will Trammell was the best man and Jason Hobgood, brother of the bride, served as the groomsman. Guests were seated by Kevin Cole, cousin of the groom, of Sachse and Chancey Pogue.

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GREGORY WAYNE EPLEY and HEATHER DANETTE STEWART

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stewart of Haskell announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Danette, to Gregory Wayne Epley, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Epley of Rochester and Ms. Landra Post of Buffalo Gap.

The bride-elect's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hager Jr. of Weinert and Mrs. Margie Stewart of Munday. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. (Bill) Hager Sr. of Lueders.

The prospective groom's grandmother is Ms. Polly Jo

Frazier of Old Glory. He is the great-grandson of Ms. Lorene Johnson of Old Glory.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and is now attending Texas Tech University, majoring in Human Development and Elementary Education.

The prospective groom is employed with Digicon Geophysical, Inc. of Houston.

The couple are planning an Aug. 31, wedding in the yard of Ms. Margie Stewart.

Hospital

Admissions
Hattie Rinehart, Rule
J. L. Hendrix, Haskell
Bessie Jackson, Munday
Thelma Williamson, Haskell
Clara Gary, Haskell

Dismissals
H. R. Calloway, Paul King,
Ruth Moore.

Shotgun winner

W.P. Hise of Haskell was the winner of the 12 gauge Remington pump shotgun drawing held by the Kiwanis Club at the Dairy Queen on Tuesday morning. Terri Wescott drew the winning ticket.

People who throw kisses are hopelessly lazy. —Bob Hope

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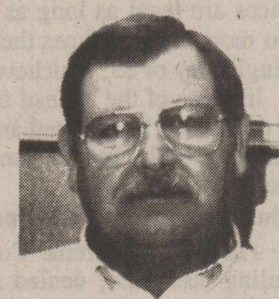
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Democratic state Sen. John Montford resigned last week to become chancellor of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock appointed Republican Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant to replace Montford as chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

Ratliff, former chairman of the Senate Education Committee, rewrote the state's education law in 1995. Bullock, a Democrat, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "I'm sick of partisan politics. The extremists in both parties are missing the mainstream Texans. Bill Ratliff works for everyone."

As chancellor, Montford, former Lubbock County district attorney, becomes Texas Tech's chief fundraiser and government liaison.

Montford's departure from the Senate makes his district a prime target for the Republican Party of Texas, said Tom Pauken, state GOP chairman. Now, a GOP majority is possible: Republicans hold 14 of the Senate's 31 seats, and half of the seats are up for election in November.

Montford was elected to the state Senate in 1982. He was roundly praised for his service over the past 14 years. Gov. George W. Bush, who will call a special election in September to fill Montford's seat, said, "I am sorry (Montford) is leaving the Senate. He has been an unbelievably good member."

Anne Marie Kilday, spokeswoman of the state Democratic Party, said it is Texas Tech University's gain and the entire state of Texas' loss.

Montford, 53, said he sees himself at Tech for five or six years.

Laney Appeals Redistrict Order

House Speaker Pete Laney asked the U.S. Supreme Court last week to overturn an Aug. 6 federal court order to redraw boundaries and set special elections in 13 Texas congressional districts.

In his appeal, Laney argued that redistricting is a "legislative duty" and that state legislators should be allowed to redraw boundaries during the 1997 legislative session, beginning in January.

Laney has said that special elections with Dec. 10 runoffs could be confusing to voters. And, he said, the panel of three federal judges redrew more districts than necessary to correct the three districts in Dallas and Houston declared unconstitutional because of "racial gerrymandering."

"I hope the mid-election confusion and expense the judges have caused in 13 districts within 28 counties can be eliminated and

elections can be held as planned," Laney was quoted in the *Dallas Morning News*.

Slots Banned in Bingo Halls

The Texas Lottery Commission ordered all bingo license holders to move "eight-liner" slot-type gambling machines from their bingo halls by Sept. 1.

Billy Rhea, security director of the commission, said the machines violate state law, which bars other forms of gambling at bingo halls.

Any halls that have the machines after Sept. 1 could lose their licenses and the operators turned over to law enforcement agencies for prosecution.

Under state law, gambling devices are legal as long as they pay no more than 10 times the cost of a single play or \$5, whichever is less.

In some of the banned machines, a dollar can be inserted and credits can be built up to hundreds of dollars.

Insurance Case Gets Green Light

The Texas Supreme Court, in a ruling last week, denied a request by Allstate and Farmers Insurance companies to dismiss a lawsuit alleging the companies overcharged customers more than \$100 million.

Six South Texans brought the suit over the companies' practice of "double rounding" insurance premiums to the nearest dollar. The companies divided the annual premiums into two six-month payments and rounded the payments again to the nearest dollar.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has clarified the rules for calculating premiums, and has disallowed double rounding.

But the plaintiffs obtained court permission to pursue a class-action lawsuit on behalf of millions of Texans who were covered over the past decade by Allstate and Farmers.

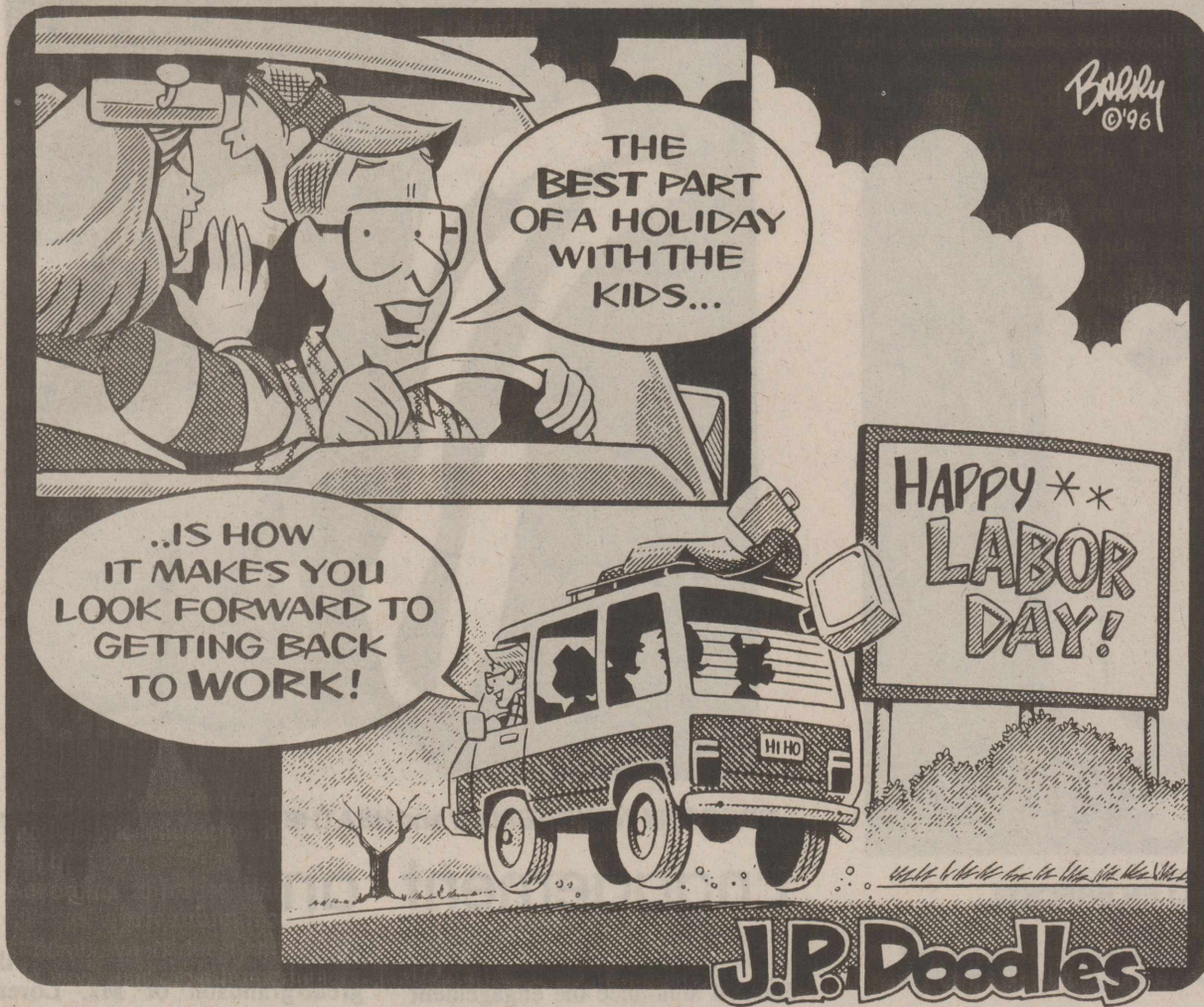
Other Capital Highlights

■ About 1.3 million Texas children under age 18 have no health insurance, and state officials are looking for ways to help parents who can't afford coverage. Texas Health Commissioner David Smith said it would cost nearly \$1 billion to insure those youngsters. Of the billion dollars, \$300 to \$400 million might come through some type of health premium subsidy provided by the state.

■ The Texas Commission on Judicial Efficiency has forwarded a list of proposals to lawmakers to consider in efforts to improve the state's judicial system. One proposal is to raise state judges' pay 30 percent. Doing so would cost taxpayers about \$16 million a year. Another proposal would require the state to fully fund all state courts.

A pessimist is one who has been compelled to live with an optimist.

Elbert Hubbard



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago

Aug. 26, 1976

AT 4:30 Wednesday morning, the Sheriff Dept., City Police and the Fire Dept. were called out to search for an 88-year-old woman who was reported missing. The woman had been seen at approximately 11 p.m. and appeared to be upset. After friends had calmed her down she went on to bed only to be discovered missing during the early hours of the morning. After an hour long search in total darkness and drizzling rain, a neighbor informed the search party that the missing woman was in her home asleep.

Two trap shooters dominated the Singles event at Haskell, Sunday, Aug. 22, with Roger Blackard of Snyder and W.E. Wooten of Haskell, breaking a perfect 100 straight. Wooten prevailed in a shoot-off over Blackard.

30 Years Ago

Sept. 1, 1966

The Haskell Co. Sheriff's Posse, headed by the president, Gene Hunter, continued their "ever winning ways" at Roby last Thursday, as they copped first place in parade honors, and then set the

pivots at the Fisher Co. Rodeo that night. Fourteen riders from the local club made the trek to Roby.

A number of complaints have been received by City Chief of Police Tom Paul Barnett that a large number of dogs are running at-large in Haskell. Owners are warned that even if the dogs are tagged the pets should be kept from roaming around over town destroying property and inconveniencing their neighbors.

40 Years Ago

Aug. 30, 1956

Ives June Casey, Rule 4-H Club member, attended the State 4-H Council Meeting, Aug. 13-17 in Stephenville, where the group planned an over all program to suggest to the 4-H Clubs of the state. While attending the Council meeting, Miss Casey was voted the State Chairman of Civil Defense for 4-H Clubs.

From the Paint Creek News—Woodroe Jones finished the first Aid training course for the Scouts Thursday night and the following boys completed the course: Wm. Haynes, Jerry Hughes, Wallar Overton, Johnny McRae, Mike

Overton, Jeff Smith, William Overton, Tom Bill Holden, Jodie Kennedy, Kenneth Stuart, Mike Shaw, Jerry Fancher, Culver Carney and Jimmy Turner. The Scouts surely appreciated Mr. Jones taking his time and having so much patience with them.

50 Years Ago

Aug. 29, 1946

It's nothing unexpected when T.J. Arbuckle and M.D. Richmond, recognized deans of Haskell crappie fishermen, bring back enormous catches on their frequent trips to Fort Phantom Lake, near Abilene. But their story is different this week—they were compelled to take two large catfish almost in "self defense." Fishing early Tuesday morning for crappie, Trav was almost dragged from the boat by a sudden tug on his line. After a brief tussle, he landed a 19 lb. cat which had attacked the small minnow on his hook. Shortly afterwards, a larger and more aggressive 22 lbs. cat took on Richmond for a decision match. Both men declare they would not attempt to explain how they were able to land the large fish on light tackle—but they

To the Editor:

Going Home. It is such a sweet experience to go home and remember the days of our youth! I recently had the opportunity to do so but was saddened by what we have always referred to as the branch in our family.

I was amazed to see that section of town on the Rule Highway just a block or so from downtown Haskell in such terrible shape.

I remember when my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks, owned that piece of property and how beautiful it was. The majestic old pecan trees that lined the highway are gone, now unmowed grass and weeds have taken their place. The natural spring that flows there has somehow been misdirected and is no longer flowing.

Why has not the city, state and county combined their efforts to keep that area looking like a park? Why are there no trees or wild flowers planted there?

It's too bad our children can't see it as it should be—the pride of Haskell, not the disgrace.

Sincerely,

Rosa Lea Melton
Mesquite, Tx.

brought them home anyway.

Crop outlook for Haskell Co. apparently blasted by incipient drouth and 100-degree temperatures prevailing during the past two months, was completely changed by soaking rains this week which brought a total of 1.69 inches of moisture which fell generally over the entire county.

90 Years Ago

Sept. 1, 1906

Mr. Whit Williams brought in two bales of new cotton this week and says he has two more open in his field. He is heading the boll weevils off in good shape. His is the first new cotton brought in to the gin this year.

The Haskell end of the Wichita Valley Railroad had its first wreck on Wednesday night. There is a slight downgrade from Haskell to the southward and it appears that two flat cars loaded with steel rails got loose and ran six miles to the end of the track, where they went off and tumbled over. After they got started the engine which handles the construction train tried to catch them but failed, as the cars made a high rate of speed after running two or three miles.

Do you think property taxes are too high?

Citizens Committee property tax hearings to be held

Are property taxes that are used to fund public education in Texas too high?

According to a recent article in the Texas Agriculture magazine, most homeowners don't know. The article says that most homeowners make their mortgage payment each month, paying little attention to the "details" of that payment, such as the amount that goes into escrow for insurance and property taxes.

These are some of the questions they suggest you should try to answer:

Could you pay the property taxes for your home if they were separated from your mortgage payment and were due once a year in a lump sum?

Could you find room in your budget if the taxes were separated from your mortgage payment and you had to write a separate check out monthly for your property taxes?

Although the answer to both is yes (after all, your mortgage payment would be lower), realizing how much you are actually paying in property taxes to fund your local schools might make your blood boil.

The article gives some examples:

If you purchased a home in 1984 for \$50,000 (the statewide average school tax rate at that time was 60 cents per \$100 valuation), you paid \$300 a year, or \$25 a month, in school property taxes. Today, that \$50,000 house, based on the state average school property tax rate of \$1.39 per \$100 valuation, draws \$695 a year, or \$58 a month.

If in 1985, your house was on the tax roll at \$100,000, you were paying \$600 a year in school

property taxes, or \$50 a month. That same house, based on the 1994 state average tax rate of \$1.39 and not including appreciation, would amount to \$1,390, which results in a monthly school tax bill of \$115.

The article states that funding our schools is important, but the current funding mechanism places an unfair tax burden not only on homeowners, but agricultural landowners as well. Homeowners pay approximately one-third of all property tax. Over the past decade, school property taxes have more than doubled while the property tax base has remained flat.

The article states that for agricultural producers, agricultural land qualifies for open space valuation based on its productive value to determine its taxable value. This is not an exemption—it is merely an alternative method of valuation.

According to the article there are many problems with the current property tax structure:

First, the tax base has not kept pace with the cost of educating our youngsters. Property values by and large have remained flat. That is why the rate has doubled to fund the educational needs of Texas.

Second, the tax does not reflect the taxpayer's ability to pay.

Third, the tax is a barrier to capital investment. Capital intensive industries have to look at the tax as an additional cost when they think about building new plants or relocating in Texas.

Fourth, the tax has grown so high it is now a barrier to the American dream of home ownership.

Fifth, tax rates are near their effective capacity. At some point the Legislature will be pressured to increase the maximum tax rate.

Another article by Vernie Glasson, Executive Director of Texas Farm Bureau, states that school property taxes have doubled in the past 10 years. Predictions are they will increase another 50 percent by 2002.

Glasson says that Gov. Bush has named a Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief to be a listening panel and to report back to him whether Texans are "hot" enough about property taxes to demand a change. Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman was tapped by the governor to serve on this important panel.

The governor's objective is to achieve tax relief by providing state revenue to replace local property taxes as the primary means of funding public education in Texas. Gov. Bush provided the staff work group with four criteria, which will also be used by the committee in evaluating public comment. The criteria are that any replacement tax:

- 1) Must be revenue neutral. In other words; any revenue generated must result in a dollar for dollar reduction in school property tax.
- 2) Must not be a state income tax.
- 3) Must be fair and equitable. The distribution of the tax must be fair and should bear a strong relationship to economic activity in the state.
- 4) Must be credible. The tax must be understandable and capable of generating sufficient revenue to relieve school property taxes (between \$11.5 to \$13.2 billion).

Three alternatives that were studied by the governor's staff work group are: a gross receipts tax, a business activity tax and either an expansion or change in the sales tax base. Any tax alternative would need to generate over \$10 billion annually to replace the taxpayers' share of revenue generated by the school property tax.

Based on recent history, higher property taxes are a certainty under the current tax structure. Funding needs for education will continue to increase due to less federal money, unfunded state mandates and increased costs of local operations.

What will you be paying when school taxes double again in the next 10 years?

It is time for citizens all across Texas to stand up and speak out. Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief will conduct hearings in Lubbock on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 9:30 a.m. at the Methodist Hospital in Knipping Center at 3615 19th St. and in Wichita Falls on Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Midwestern Fine Arts Theater on Nocona Trail and West Campus Drive. The final meeting will be held in Austin on Sept. 12 at 3 p.m.

These articles were submitted, courtesy of Lynn Dudensing, who also included a graph on his own property Tax Rates since 1982 through 1995 which reflected increases as follows:

Haskell Co.—263% increase from .1586 to .4174; Fm Rd.—286% increase from .0475 to .1358; Pct. 4—376% increase from .0275 to .1033; hospital—269% increase from .1270 to .3414; and Rule ISD—246% increase from .6300 to 1.55.

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New pastor at Rochester Baptist

The members of First Baptist Church in Rochester have recently received a new pastor, Rev. Ed Buerkle from Fort Worth.

Rev. Truett Kuentler and his wife, Laverne, served the community of Rochester for over 14 years until his retirement in the early part of this year. The Kuentlers live in Paint Creek, with Rev. Truett acting as a volunteer chaplain for the hospital of Abilene.

Rev. Troy Culpepper and his

wife, Gene, of Haskell, have served the Rochester Baptist Church in the interim between pastors.

Rev. Buerkle was formerly an active member of Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth and received his Master's Degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was raised in a small town of northern Illinois before moving to south Florida, where he began Southern Baptist work as a full time youth minister.

Rev. Buerkle and his wife, Sherry, have three children, Nathan who is 14, Karin who is 12 and Joey who is nine.

Everyone is cordially invited to meet the new pastor, either in one of the church services (11 a.m. or 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday) or stop by and greet them personally at the church parsonage at 506 Main Street in Rochester.

The human eye blinks about once every five seconds.

Food for thought

"He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove."—Matthew 3:16.

As the Spirit of God descended upon the Lord Jesus, the head, so He also, in measure, descends upon the members of the mystical body. His descent is to us after the same fashion as that in which it fell upon our Lord.

There is often a singular rapidity about it; or ever we are aware, we are impelled onward and heavenward

beyond all expectation. Yet is there none of the hurry of earthly haste, for the wings of the dove are as soft as they are swift.

Quietness seems essential to many spiritual operations; the Lord is in the still small voice, and like the dew, His grace is distilled in silence.

The dove has ever been the chosen type of purity, and the Holy Spirit is holiness itself. Where He cometh, everything that is pure and lovely, and of good report, is made to abound, and sin and uncleanness depart.

Peace reigns also where the Holy Dove comes with power; He bears the olive branch which shows that the waters of divine wrath are assuaged.

Gentleness is a sure result of the Sacred Dove's transforming power: hearts touched by His benign influence are meek and lowly henceforth and forever.

Harmlessness follows, as a

matter of course; eagles and ravens may hunt their prey—the turtledove can endure wrong, but cannot inflict it. We must be harmless as doves.

The dove is an apt picture of love, the voice of the turtle is full of affection; and so, the soul visited by the blessed Spirit, abound in love to God, in love to the brethren, and in love to sinners; and above all, in love to Jesus.

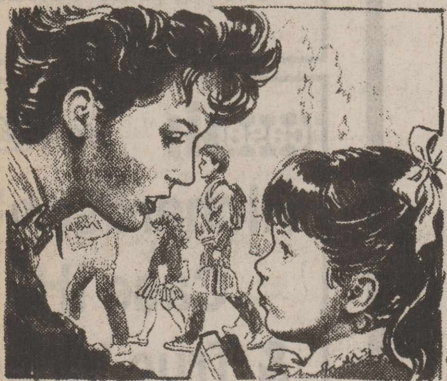
The brooding of the Spirit of God upon the face of the deep, first produced order and life, and in our hearts, He causes and fosters new life and light.

Blessed Spirit, as thou didst rest upon our dear Redeemer, even so rest upon us from this time forward and forever.

Submitted by Sam Biner.

This Week's Devotional Message:

BE SURE YOUR CHILDREN'S VOCABULARY INCLUDES THE WORD "NO"



It's time to send your children off to school again, to prepare them for the world they must one day confront. The school will do a good job of this, but your cooperation is also needed in order to make sure that they don't learn the wrong things. As everyone knows, we are living in an era where drug abuse is rampant, and the children are being lured into this trap at a shockingly early age. Don't fail to warn them about this, as a part of

their preparation for the new school year, for it can be vastly more important than their clothes or books. Moreover, you can reinforce your efforts by enrolling them in the Sunday school at your House of Worship. With all this, you can rest assured that the vocabulary your children develop in school will include the proper use of the word "NO"; as the password to a happier, healthier and longer life.

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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

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 Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 8:00 a.m., Sunday School to follow
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Vergil Smith, interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Sidney Parsley, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
 Dale Huff, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
 Jasper McClellan, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
 John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Freddy Perez, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church
 Jim Turner, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Rev. Andrew
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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 Daniel Ramey, pastor
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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule

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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Sept. 3-6
Breakfast
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Monday: Holiday
Tuesday: Biscuits, ham and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Blueberry muffin
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
Milk is served daily on the lunch menu.
Monday: Holiday
Tuesday: Steakfingers, gravy, salad, rolls and fruit
Wednesday: Beans, soft tacos, lettuce, cheese, onions, tomatoes and vanilla pudding
Thursday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, cheese and apple pie
Friday: Tuna, peanut butter and ham sandwiches, lettuce, pickles, chips and pork and beans



RIBBON CUTTING—Members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and employees of The Health Center look on as Cindy Guess cuts the ribbon at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the home health care services located at 1 Ave. E in Haskell.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Good news for all...we've had some rain!! Our readers from across the state were getting tired of hearing about the heat and dry weather, so at this writing we can say that we had 1.4 inches of rain Friday night and a promise of more. Spirits have perked up and the grass should be getting a little green.

Brian Manske's name was left off of the list of college-bound students last week. He will be

attend college at South Plains in Levelland. Sorry for the omission, Brian.

Walter and Aline Bredthauer from Haskell visited in the Alvin Bredthauer home last Sunday. Alvin and Alice continue to join the group of senior citizens that bowl in Abilene each Thursday.

Frances Clark has returned from a visit to her granddaughter, Kay Tonnon of Springdale, Ark. She took her great-grandchildren, Chelsea and Brian home after spending some time here with her.

Emma Raphael of Stamford visited in the home of her daughter, Dorothy and Joe Clark Sunday night.

Odene Dudensing spent last weekend in Littlefield visiting with her daughter, Carol and husband Larry Hobratschk.

Clark Don and Mary Terrell spent the weekend with his grandmother, Frances Clark. An extra special treat for grandma was the two little great-granddaughters, Iris and Emma. The Terrells live at Boerne.

Kinsey Brown was the honoree for a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of her grandparents, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre. Besides her immediate family, other guests included Ken and Kit LeFevre of Tuscola, Joyce Beard and Heide and Brandi Brown of Abilene. Frances Clark visited in the afternoon.

The Brown home was the scene of a slumber party for Kinsey on Friday night. Guests included Kristen Hertel, M'Lynn Lehrmann, Abby Dudensing, and Breanna Marquis.

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The groomsmen and ushers wore black classic tuxedos with white wing-tip shirts and royal purple sashes and tie.

The ring bearer was Alex Breckel, brother of the groom, from Tyler. He wore a matching black tuxedo with royal purple tie and sash.

The reception table was set in front of a white wrought-iron gazebo covered in tulle and white garland. Silk ficus trees and a white four-panel screen were also in the background. The heart-shaped table held a three-tiered wedding cake and brass punch bowl. The cake top used on the wedding cake was the same cake top used in the bride's parent's wedding.

Serving at the reception table were Laura Herm of Stanton, Pepper Hinkle of Floydada and Kristi Roark, and Melonie McCutchin of Lubbock. Kimberly

Boaz and Shannon Warren, cousins of the bride, and Martha Shackelford and Darlene Walton assisted in the houseparty. Paula Everett served as the wedding coordinator.

The couple left the church in a horse-drawn carriage driven by Rod Townsend of Rochester. After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, the couple is living at Lake Stamford.

The bride attends Cisco Junior College in Abilene and is employed by Dr. Cliff Ray. The groom attends school at Haskell High School and is employed by First National Bank.

The groom's family hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Haskell Country Club. It was catered by the Branding Iron Restaurant. The tables were covered in purple cloths with crystal votive candle holders placed on the table. Angel confetti was scattered along the tables. Fresh flowers and brass candlesticks adorned the main table.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	3 Elementary Back to School First-Third Grades 1st: 5:30-6 homeroom 2nd: 6-6:30 cafeteria 3rd: 6:30-7 cafeteria	4	5 JV Munday 5:00 here	6 Varsity Munday 8:00 there	7
8	9 CSO Meeting 7:00 Tennis Courts	10 Elementary Back to School Fourth-Sixth Grades 4th: 5:30-6 cafeteria 5th: 6-6:30 cafeteria 6th: 6:30-7 Earles' rm.	11	12 Elementary School Pictures JV Quanah 4:30 there	13 Varsity Quanah 8:00 here Jr Class Supper HS Cafeteria 5:30-7:30	14
15	16	17 Partner for Children (PPE) 7:00 Elem. Cafeteria	18	19 JV Stamford 4:30 here	20 Varsity Stamford 8:00 there	21
22	23 Elementary early dismissal 12:30	24 Partner for Children (PPE) 7:00 Elem. Cafeteria	25	26 JV Albany 4:30 here	27 Varsity Albany 8:00 there	28
29	30					


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Sept. 2-6
Breakfast

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Monday: No school
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Pancakes/syrup and cereal
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy and sausage
Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or salad bar plus milk and tea are offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Beef and spaghetti, buttered corn, tossed salad, garlic bread and Sunshine bars
Wednesday: Impossible taco pie, pinto beans, seasoned spinach and diced pears
Thursday: Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls and cookies
Friday: Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger trimmings and Indian cake

Menus are subject to change.

Behind every great man there is a surprised woman.
—Marilyn Pearson

Band parents meeting

The band parents met last week to elect officers for the upcoming school year, 1996-97. It was a majority vote to keep the existing officers. Officers are: Vickie Josselet-president; Lynn Dodson-vice president; Mary Dewey-secretary/treasurer; and Ed Walling-reporter.

The band classes at Haskell CISD are instructed and coordinated by Mr. Copeland and Mrs. New. They are doing a fantastic job working with the students in all of the four bands. The enrollment for the band is: 9th-12th grade, 86; 7th grade, 48; 8th grade, 38; and 6th grade, 65; which is a total of 237 students that are involved in making fine musicians.

The food concession at all of the home football games is the main fund raiser for extra funding for added expenses such as uniforms, instruments, scholarships, trips, equipment, and other miscellaneous expenses.

The band parents would like to thank the public for their support and loyalty for patronizing the concessions in the past and would like to encourage future support which goes for the betterment of the students.

Submitted by Ed Walling, reporter.



Haskell Junior Varsity player, Jason Trammell, takes the ball and heads for a gap in the Roscoe Plowboy defensive line during scrimmage play with the Plowboys on Friday, Aug. 23.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Bill Mapes of Sun City, Calif. visited Floy Mapes and Frieda Piland over the weekend.

Judy Anderson spent the weekend with her daughter and family, Mary Beth Justis in Georgetown.

Wade Matthews of St. Petersburg, Fla. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Matthews and other relatives and friends this week.

Charley and Mildred Mapes of Euleus visited with Frieda Piland and Floy Mapes on Thursday. They also visited Mrs. Sam Lusk in the care home.

Recently, Jan Alexander of Wichita Falls visited her mother, Delma Matthews.

Pete and Julia Calloway's daughter, Tressia of Oklahoma, has been with them the past three weeks while Julia was in the hospital in Abilene. She is home and doing better. On Monday morning of last week, Pete suffered a stroke and has been in the Haskell Hospital, but was transferred to Rice Springs Care Home on Monday. Also visiting them over the weekend was son, Clinton Calloway of Oklahoma.

Jack O. Larned of San Antonio, Willis F. Larned of Breckenridge and Tommy A. Larned of Mulberry, Fla. visited their brother, Grover Mather Larned, David Larned and sister Venita from Aug. 17 to Aug. 20.

AFC Marcus Phemister and wife, Jamie and his mother, Becky Bogard of Denver, Colo. and his brother, Greg Phemister of Abilene were weekend guests of Myrtle Phemister in Weinert.

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—Tom Lehrer

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TFU announces hotline for drought stricken farmers

Texas Farmers Union (TFU) announced recently that it has established a toll-free HOTLINE for farmers and ranchers in the drought stricken areas of Texas who need hay for their livestock. The service, which will hook up donated hay with needy livestock producers, will be coordinated by Farm Aid. In addition, HOTLINE callers can request information regarding credit, family, personal and stress management, which will be provided free of charge by Lutheran

Social Services of the South, Inc. "We're seeing the kind of devastation we haven't seen since the Great Depression in some Texas counties," TFU President Wes Sims said. "Texas Farmers Union wants to help lessen the burden and stress of farmers and livestock producers."

Sims says his organization

hopes the hay HOTLINE will provide producers in dire need enough forage to keep their seed stock, so that they will have a source of income in the future.

The first priority of the HOTLINE will be to get hay to the producers who are dependent on farming for their livelihood and who will face immediate crisis if

they do not receive donated forage. Producers who have less dire circumstances will be asked to contribute to the cost of transporting the donated forage.

"We hope this service will provide help to farmers and livestock producers, and that it will mushroom as we promote Farm Aid's drought assistance program nationwide through the media, as well as through our affiliation with National Farmers Union, an organization representing nearly 300,000 farm and ranch families," said Sims. "We will seek hay donations for drought-stricken states and encourage other Farmers Union states to provide a similar service."

The HOTLINE will be operational Sept. 1. Producers who can donate hay, as well as those in need of hay may call the toll-free HOTLINE at 1-888-264-4429 or FAX the toll-free HOTLINE at 1-800-294-1631.

Free soil tests available

There is still time left to get your soil tested free in Haskell and Knox Counties. The Seymour Aquifer Project will continue free soil testing until Sept. 1. The free soil testing program is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The soil sample should be taken from a uniform area of the field and represent from 10 to 40 acres. Take 10 to 15 samples from the field and mix in a clean plastic bucket, take out about one pint for a composite sample. Be sure to fill out an information sheet to send in along with the sample. The information sheet asks about the type of crop to

be grown and the yield goal of the crop.

Soil sample bags and information sheets can be picked up at: Allison Farm Supply in Rule; Charlie Myers Grain Co. in Haskell; Farmers Gin or Lone Star peanut in Rochester; O'Brien Coop Gin; Benjamin Fertilizer or Terra in Knox City; Rhineland Coop Gin; Hendrix Farm Services, Parker Implement, Quality Implement, Knox Prairie Coop, Farmers Grain, or Zeissel Brothers Fertilizer in Munday; or the local FSA, NRCS, or County Extension Service office.

For further information about the free soil testing program, call the Seymour Aquifer Project office at 817-864-3334.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,178 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, Aug. 24. The market was fully steady on all classes of cattle.

Cows: fat, .25-.34; cutters, .26-.36; canners, .20-.34.

Bulls: bologna, .36-.45; feeder, .45-.575; utility, .30-.40.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .70-.81; 300-400 lbs., .65-.75; 400-500 lbs., .57-.68; 500-600 lbs., .57-.65; 600-700 lbs., .57-.63; 700-800 lbs., .56-.63; 800-up lbs., .54-.60.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .57-.65; 300-400 lbs., .52-.62; 400-500 lbs., .50-.62; 500-600 lbs., .54-.61; 600-up lbs., .54-.61.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$350-\$450.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$250-\$400; aged or small, no test.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$450-\$600; small or aged, \$300-\$450.

Poor pecan pickings

It will be slim pickings this year. The Texas pecan crop will be unusually small. Pecans produce alternately—meaning one year there's a large crop, the next year there's a small crop. This year the cycle moves to the small crop.

Add to it the drought and the worst infestation of pecan nut casebearer in 20 years and Extension Horticulturist George Ray McEachern predicts Texas will only produce 25 to 30 million pounds of pecans this year compared to 70 million last year.

He says rain at harvest time could drop that number even lower if nuts rot on the ground.

McEachern says the pecan nut casebearer has been feeding on Texas trees since spring. Then because of the drought and high temperatures, the trees began dropping pecans on their own.

McEachern says it's the tree's way of surviving during adverse conditions. Those conditions could carry into next year causing what should be a large 1997 crop to come up short.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-FCS.

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